

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OPEN MEETING
OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 7:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, A007 Tw 6 11.04 -0 0 11.04 297.12 588.48

3. TRUSTEE REPORTS

a. Outgoing Board Report, Chair Ansari

Chair Anita Ansari reported out on the accomplishments of the 2019-2020 Board of Education. A copy of the report has been appended to the Minutes.

Chair Ansari thanked the NWTU, CUPE Local 409, Parent Advisory Committees, District staff and looks forward to continuing the great work of the Board and the District in 2021.

b. Election of Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham briefly explained the election process, which was adjusted this year so Trustees could vote remotely with Doodle Poll links. She called for nominations for the position of Chair for the 2021 Board of Education.

Trustee Anita Ansari nominated Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal as Chair for the 2021 Board of Education.

Trustee Dhaliwal accepted the nomination.

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations Trustee Dhaliwal was declared Chair for the 2021 Board or tt

Trustee Maya Russell nominated Trustee Dee Beattie as BC STA Provincial Council Delegate for the 2021 Board of Education.

Trustee Beattie accepted the nomination.

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate for the 2021 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Beattie was declared BCSTA Provincial Delegate for the 2021 Board of Education (by acclamation).

BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2021 Board of Education.

Trustee Dee Beattie nominated Trustee Maya Russell for BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2021 Board of Education.

Trustee Russell accepted the nomination.

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2021 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Russell was declared

There being no further nominations, Trustee Connelly was declared BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2021 Board of Education (by acclamation).

f. Motion to Destroy Ballots

2020-064

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct the Secretary- Treasurer to destroy all ballots.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

A member from the public asked “why throughout the agenda and minutes, all other Trustees are noted for what they bring to the table for discussion but when Trustee Lalji asks for the same notation, she was denied?” Chair Dhaliwal indicated that the Minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting. Trustees’ comments are generally not attributed to a specific Trustee unless required for the minutes.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, November 17, 2020

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Beattie

Trustee Beattie thanked the Student Voice Trustees for their update on the Child and Youth Liaison Officer survey and the District’s anti-racism work.

ii. Approval of the November 17, 2020 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2020-065

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, November 17, 2020

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly

Trustee Connelly thanked staff for their work.

ii. Approval of the November 17, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2020-066

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

8. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting.

9. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 15, 2020: School Board Meeting, 7:00pm - Via Webex Livestream

Tuesday, January 12, 2021: Education Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 5:00pm - Via Webex Livestream

Tuesday, January 12, 2021: Operations Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 6:15pm - Via Webex Livestream

10. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

Records of October 27, 2020 and November 5, 2020.

a. Record of the October 27, 2020 In-Camera Meeting

b. Record of the November 5, 2020 Special In-Camera Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourn at 7:50pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

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